



# BIOGRAPHY



## **UNITED STATES AIR FORCE** ***Vermont Air National Guard***

### **COLONEL DAVID A. SMITH**

Colonel David A. Smith is the Commander, 158th Fighter Wing, Vermont Air National Guard, South Burlington, Vermont. He is responsible for ensuring the Wing is ready to defend, execute combat operations, and sustain follow-on forces. He is entrusted with the operations, readiness, training, morale and welfare, installation support, and quality of life for 1,000 personnel assigned to the 158th Fighter Wing.

Colonel Smith attended the Academy of Military Science and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in

1989 at which time he attended Undergraduate Pilot Training

at Columbus AFB, MS. He served within the 134th Fighter Squadron in multiple positions including the Operations Officer and Squadron Commander. In 2009, he attended the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, PA with a follow on assignment as the Director of Staff-Air with Joint Forces Headquarters, Vermont. His next assignment was back to the Wing in 2012 as the 158th Operations Group Commander and then in 2015 he became the 158th Fighter Wing Vice Commander until his current position.



### **EDUCATION**

1987 Bachelor of Science, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont

1990 Undergraduate Pilot Training

2005 Air Command and Staff College

2010 Master of Strategic Studies, United States Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania

2010 Joint Task Force Commander's Training Course, Colorado Springs, Colorado

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

Mar 1989 – Mar 1990, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, MS

Mar 1990 – Jun 1990, Fighter Lead-In Training, Holloman AFB, NM

Jun 1990 – Oct 1990, F-16 Replacement Training Unit, Tucson ANGB, AZ

Oct 1990 – Jun 1994, F-16 Alert Pilot, 134 FS, Burlington, VT  
Jun 1994 – Oct 1995, Director of Operations, Det 1, 158 FW, Charleston AFB, SC  
Oct 1995 – Jun 1998, Operations Scheduler, 134 FS, Burlington, VT  
Jun 1998 – May 2000, Weapons and Tactics Officer, 134 FS, Burlington, VT  
Dec 2001 – May 2003, F-16 Alert Pilot, 134 FS, Burlington, VT  
May 2003 – May 2005, Flight Commander, 134 FS, Burlington, VT  
May 2005 – Mar 2007, Director of Operations, 134 FS, Burlington, VT  
Mar 2007 – Feb 2009, Commander, 134 FS, Burlington, VT  
Jul 2009 – Jun 2010, Student, United States Army War College, Carlisle, PA  
Jun 2010 – Jan 2012, Director of Staff – Air, JFHQ-VT, Colchester, VT  
Jun 2012 – November 2015, Commander, 158 Operations Group, Burlington, VT  
Nov 2015 – Jun 2017, Vice Commander, 158 Fighter Wing, Burlington, VT  
Jun 2017 – Present, Commander, 158 Fighter Wing, Burlington, VT

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: More than 3,000

Aircraft Flown: F-16A/B/C/D, AT38, T38, T37

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with gold border, one oak leaf cluster

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant: Feb 1989

First Lieutenant: Feb 1992

Captain: Mar 1994

Major: Mar 2001

Lieutenant Colonel: Jun 2005

Colonel: Mar 2011

(Current as of September 2017)